

STOCKTON'S CHRISTMAS STORY.

"MAJOR PENDALLAN" IS THE NAME OF IT, AND IT IS THOROUGHLY "STOCKTONIAN."

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LAST EDITION. NEWSBOY GUESTS

Six Hundred Bright Boys Bidden to a Christmas Dinner.

"The Evening World's" Gift to Its Staunch Young Friends.

No Finer Feast Will Be Served to Millionaires.

The Bill of Fare Prepared by the Everett Hotel Caterer.

"Hey, kidsey! Did ye git a bid to de Evening World's bankwet?" "Naw; but I will, you kin bet. De Evening World's ain't a forgotten none of us fellows. We'd do anything do it right, see? I'd give you, kidsey?" "Yass; I got mine already. Golly, but it's a regular bang-up, John Jakey Astor invite, too! Folds up just like a French bill of fare. Ain't it entry?" "Well! Gee! I'll give you time to go to de Evening World's Christmas Tree aforehand, won't it?"

Mr. Striker McCarthy agreed unanimously with his freckled-nosed friend and co-worker in the field of metropolitan journalism, Mr. Kidney Thompson, and both young newspaper merchants felt to a mute admiration of the bit of folded cardboard that the older, red-headed, the unkempt Striker, had disclosed from a careful wrapping of newspaper. It bore these words:

DEAR SIR:
The Evening World requests the pleasure of your company at dinner on Christmas Day at the Everett Hotel, 102, 104 and 106 Broadway, New York City.

Covers will be raised at 11.30 o'clock.

The invitations bid the holders to "The Evening World's Christmas dinner, at which 600 honest, earnest, energetic newsboys will 'put their legs under the table' as guests of their favorite evening paper."

It is not to be a lunch—a run-in-and-grab what-you-can affair—but a first-class Christmas dinner, with all the "trimmings" that are due to be necessary to make the evening in every well-regulated household in America.

There will be roast turkey, browned and juicy and tender; there will be cranberry sauce for an appetizer and relish; there will be crisp white celery, fresh from the Long Island trenches; there will be mashed potatoes, highly seasoned dressing, and rich, brown gravy; there will be other things, and, to top off with, there will be a great big piece of thick, juicy, red old-fashioned New England mince-pie, with real meat in it; real green apples in it; real raisins and genuine currants in it.

The boys will not have to stand up, crowded together, before a long, narrow table. They will be seated at small tables—four at each—in the handsome dining-room of the big Everett Hotel, which runs through from Vesey to Barclay street.

Two hundred boys will sit down at a time at the fifty tables, and there will fifty lively, attentive waiters in black bobbed coats and white aprons, who will serve these Christmas banquets with just as much ceremony and style as characterizes the service at Delmonico's.

Every newsboy will appear in his very best suit of clothes, and they will all be gentlemen, as The Evening World knows from a long and pleasant experience with the little chaps.

This is The Evening World's Christmas gift to the newsboys. It is not a subscription affair. The Evening World will not bill, as it has done before, and all of the 600 newsboys of this city will receive cards of invitation like that transcribed above.

Striker McCarthy and Kidney Thompson are two fair samples of the New York newsboy. One lives in a chummy little tenement, and helps his widowed mother to earn the living for his three little brothers and sisters. The other is the only child of a half-crippled father and a sickly mother, and lives in Chrystie street. One is thirteen, the other only nine years old.

Striker got his name as the voluble advocate of the newsboy strike of three years ago. Kidney's name implies only his almost babyhood, his physical weakness, and quiet, "mother's-boy" ways.

The pair, with the rest of the six hundred newsboys, will assemble Christmas morning in the warm parlour provided for them in the basement when the Pulitzer Building was designed by the architect. They will have a short parade, and will descend upon the Everett Hotel at 11.30 o'clock, headed by a band discoursing American patriotic airs.

Every boy will carry a flag, and each will tot a tin horn, just as a sort of safety valve for his exuberance of Christmas spirit, and to set the welkin ring with the announcement that he is on earth and enjoying himself.

D. D. WITHERS'S TRIPLE LOSS.

His Brother, Sister and Brother-in-Law Die in Virginia.

Extraordinary Coincidence of Fatalities in a New York Family.

WITHERS.—Suddenly, at Norfolk, Va., on the 10th inst., ALFRED D. WITHERS, formerly of New York, died. He was 52 years of age. CLAYTON, of Fairfield, Gloucester County, Va., died on the 11th inst. He was 45 years of age. CLAYTON, of Fairfield, Gloucester County, Va., died on the 12th inst. He was 45 years of age.

These notices appeared simultaneously in a morning paper today and they mark an extraordinary coincidence of fatalities in a family of the highest eminence in New York. On David Dunham Wither, the most prominent patron of the turf, now that August Belmont has passed away, these death notices fall with strangely crushing force.

They mean that within the brief period of twenty days Mr. Wither has lost a brother, a sister and a brother-in-law.

Mrs. Augustus W. Clason, the sister, was the first to die. She was 52 years of age. Her husband, known to his club intimates as "Old Augustus," was 55 years of age. He was a well-known figure in the turf world, and his death was a great loss to the turf world.

Yesterday Alfred Dunham Wither, the youngest of the boys of old Reuben Wither, of this city, breathed his last.

It is twenty-five or thirty years since Reuben Wither died. He was for several decades President of the Bank of the State of New York and was a fine representative gentleman of the old school. His daughter, Euphemia D. Wither, married Gus Clason, a dashing young man, several years before her father died.

Gus Clason was one of the oldest of the members of the "Union Club." He was wealthy and had a decided penchant for literature. His son, Alfred, was a well-known figure in the turf world, and his death was a great loss to the turf world.

Five old Reuben Wither was a club comrade of S. M. L. Barlow, August Belmont and Clarence W. Seward, now President of the Union Club, and of many other just such notable figures in the jeunesse doree of a bygone age.

The son, at whose residence Mr. and Mrs. Clason died, is Lieut. Augustus W. Clason, Jr. He is widely known in this city.

Alfred D. Wither, the youngest of the Wither boys, was over sixty years of age. He was a well-known figure in the turf world, and his death was a great loss to the turf world.

He was in Virginia today arranging for the removal to New York of his dead uncle, aunt and uncle-in-law.

MINERS BOMBARD A TRAIN.

Bloody Clash of Strikers and "Blacklegs" Feared at Perth, Ind.

BRIDGE, Ind., Dec. 19.—The most intense excitement prevails throughout the mining region here. An attack by the strikers upon the men now at work in the mines is hourly expected.

A mob of strikers from Perth, Caseyville, Rosedale and Coville attacked the "black-leg" train at Coal Bluff as it was returning from Sydney, Minn., a last evening.

The windows of the cars containing the "black-legs" were smashed with stones and several pistols were discharged, but no one was injured.

The train passed the station at the rate of forty miles an hour, so that it was impossible for any of the mob to board the cars.

CROTON IN PERIL FROM FIRE.

The Entire Village Said to Be in Danger of Destruction.

Eight Houses and Stores Destroyed—Help Asked from Other Towns.

SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD. SING SING, Dec. 19.—A disastrous fire broke out 10.30 o'clock this forenoon.

Four houses were quickly in flames, and it was announced by telephone that the whole village is threatened.

Help was asked for from Sing Sing and Peekskill fire departments, and engines were sent from both places to Croton's relief.

At noon eight houses and stores were burning.

Five companies and engines had arrived from Peekskill and Sing Sing, and more were summoned.

No loss of life had been reported then.

The fire started in the hotel owned by James Terwilliger, opposite the railroad station. It originated in a defective fuse in the hotel.

The flames spread rapidly, and in a short time three blocks of houses were on fire.

At 1.30 this afternoon nine buildings had been burned to the ground, and the fire was still raging fiercely.

At New York Central trains for New York have been stopped above Croton Landing. The tracks are blocked by hose through which water is being pumped by the engines from the Hudson river.

Communication by wire with Croton is now cut off. The village is three miles from Sing Sing.

DEA. WHITE \$700,000 SHORT.

Schedules of the Failed Firm Filed To-Day.

S. V. White & Co., stock brokers at 39 Wall street, who assigned to Charles W. Gould, filed schedules to-day stating that the firm's liabilities are \$700,000.

Assets are \$1,013,545; nominal assets, \$2,000,000; actual assets, \$534,228. The difference between actual and nominal assets is due to bad accounts and depreciation of securities.

A QUARTET OF SHOPLIFTERS.

Four Women Made Prisoners by Ridley's Female Detectives.

FOREIGN NEWS OF THE DAY.

President Peixoto's First Message to the Brazilian Congress.

Bombs in a French Police Station—Chilli's Self-Satisfaction.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—A despatch received here from Rio Janeiro announces that the National Congress, which was dissolved by Marshal da Fonseca, when he declared himself Dictator of Brazil, has reassembled in pursuance of the call issued by President Peixoto.

In his message to Congress President Peixoto states that the Brazilian people during the events of Nov. 23, the date of his Congress's resignation and President Peixoto's accession to the Presidency showed their virility and their jealous regard for the National liberties which were threatened by Da Fonseca.

It is now the duty of Congress, the President declares, to deal with the existing commercial crisis by correcting a reorganization of the banking system.

The President estimates the deficit in the budget of 1890 at 30,000,000 of reis. For the current financial year the deficit will be slight.

Four Bombs Found in a Police Station at Clichy, Near Paris.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—Clichy, a northern suburb of Paris, was thrown into a state of great excitement today by the discovery of four bombs in the police station there.

The bombs, which were found in a room, were believed to be the work of some means being extinguished before reaching the explosives with which the bombs were filled.

It is thought by the police that the bombs were placed by persons who came in contact with the authorities during the riot last May.

Chillians Satisfied with Their Part of the Controversy with This Country.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—A despatch to the Times from its correspondent at Santiago de Chile states that the publication of the correspondence of Chile and the United States in relation to the assault upon sailors from the American man-of-war Baltimore, has been completed.

The dispatch adds that the public is apparently satisfied with the course pursued by Chile. Everything is quiet throughout the country.

Victor's Sides with the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Queen Victoria has written a letter in which she expresses sympathy with the agitation now being carried on for the abolition of rabbit coursing.

The Full Mail Gazette urges the Queen to give evidence of the sincerity of her sympathy with the movement by the withdrawal of her support from the maintenance of the Royal Buckhounds.

Madame Patti, Winds and Waves Willing, Will Spend New Year's in New York.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Madame Patti, the famous singer, who is now in New York, will spend New Year's in New York.

NEED OF SURGEONS.

Police Board President Declares It Is Urgent.

Mayor Grant Still Blocks the Filling of Vacancies.

Dead Dr. Damalville's District Divided Among Hard-Worked Survivors.

President MacLellan, of the Police Board, deprecates the interference of Mayor Grant with the Civil-Service Board to prevent the examination of applicants for positions as police surgeons. Officially, for which he is a great stickler, prevents him from criticizing the Mayor's extraordinary action, but the freedom with which he discusses the Police Commissioners' side of the question infers a severe criticism.

The Police Commissioners made requisition in the Civil-Service Board for a certification from the eligible list for the appointment of three Police Surgeons Nov. 27 last. Secretary Lee Phillips announced an examination of candidates for Dec. 1, sending out the notices to applicants for examination Dec. 1.

Mr. Phillips had not consulted with Mayor Grant, who was then in Ireland. He knew that the Police Department was sorely in need of surgeons, and hastened in the performance of his duty the preliminaries to provide for their appointment.

A Commissioner of Public Works (they knew Mayor Grant's wishes, however, and he is said to have demanded of Secretary Phillips that they be met by a postponement of the examination.)

This Mr. Phillips reluctantly consented to do for a week, as he would meanwhile have an opportunity to see Mayor Grant when he got home, and as a result, handed in his resignation, which has been ever since mysteriously hung up.

A second conference, Dec. 14, the day preceding that set for the examination, was followed by the announcement of a second postponement thereof, this time for an indefinite period.

Since then Secretary and Chief Examiner Phillips has promised a speedy examination of applicants, which promise, thus far, it seems beyond his power to fulfil. This is alleged to be because of the Mayor's hostility to such action.

The Mayor's attitude, it has been strongly suggested, is in the interest of a friend who already holds a \$1,000 county appointment, but who would lose a police surgeon if he could be health officer of the Port, and who asks that the examination for the alternative position be postponed until it is definitely determined that he cannot get the better office.

"I think that the vacancies on the medical staff of the Department should be filled, and that as speedily as possible," today said President of the Police Board, Mr. MacLellan. "I have long held that opinion."

"As to the question of the police surgeon being overworked," continued President MacLellan, "my information has been that there are times when they have to do much more than at others."

"There certainly is necessity for more surgeons," Mr. MacLellan said, "and it is the duty of the Department to provide salaries for the additional members it was proposed to appoint."

"One reason why this necessity exists is found in the apportionment of districts."

"It is quite as much the duty of the police surgeon to see that well policemen are on duty and earning their salaries as to heal them when they are ill. For this reason he should be readily accessible in the hour of need. As it is, a day may elapse before he can see a policeman who complains of illness and lays off on that account."

"The complaining officer may not be ill, but takes that method of getting a short vacation and cheating the city out of his services."

Such tricks would be vain if the staff was sufficiently large and districts so apportioned that the physician would not have to travel such long distances to see their patients.

RESOP ON CURRENT EVENTS.

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The beasts of the field and forest had a lion as their king. He was neither wrathful, cruel, nor tyrannical, but just and gentle as a king could be. He made during his reign a royal proclamation for a general assembly of all the birds and beasts, and drew up conditions for a universal league, in which the Wolf and the Lamb, the Panther and the Kid, the Tiger and the Stag, the Dog and the Hare should live together in perfect peace and amity. The Hare said: "Oh, how I have longed to see this day, in which the weak shall take their place with impunity by the side of the strong."

Is much better and the work of the physicians much lighter in Summer than in Winter.

The death of Police Surgeon Damalville was reported to the Board of Police Commissioners by Mr. S. B. W. McLeod, who was sixty years old last May.

One hundred and forty-six policemen are reported sick today.

THE HOUSE IN BRIEF SESSION.

Mr. Enloe Makes a Move for a Pension Bureau Inquiry.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The House today adjourned at 12.30 o'clock. The session was very short.

On motion of Mr. McMillin, of Tennessee, a concurrent resolution was agreed to providing for a holiday recess from Wednesday, 23rd inst., until Tuesday, 27th inst.

The Committee on Rules reported to the House a resolution empowering the Speaker to appoint the members of the last House, with the following changes:

The membership of the Committee on Ways and Means should be carried to the higher courts, and should be brought before the general term of the Supreme Court on the 15th day of January next.

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ORDER BY JUSTICE CULLEN.

State Board Cannot Yet Act on Deane's Certificate.

The Dutchess county election case came up again this morning before Justice Cullen in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn.

Justice Cullen, in his opinion, said that the State Board of Elections could not yet act on Deane's certificate, as it was not yet a final decision.

Another vacancy in the staff of surgeons may be created at any time by the retirement of Dr. S. B. W. McLeod, who was sixty years old last May.

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THE BRITANNIC OVERDUE.

Fugitives Mitchell and Slavin Are Among Her Passengers.

Incoming transatlantic steamships report having left very heavy weather on their westward voyages. Most of the regular liners are from twenty-four to thirty-six hours late.

The steamship Britannic, with Slavin and Mitchell on board, was due yesterday, but had not been reported here up to 1 o'clock today when it was expected to arrive.

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SLINEY IN THE TOILS.

The Murder of Bob Lyons at Last Traced Home to Him.

He Wrote the Decoy Note That Figured in the Crime.

Tangled Threads of Evidence Cleverly Unravelling by Inspector Byrnes.

Inspector Byrnes has solved the mystery as to who killed Bob Lyons, the Cherry street butcher, who was murdered in his shop on Nov. 25. It has been a fine piece of detective work, and goes on the record as one of Inspector Byrnes' best achievements in the way of unravelling tangled threads of crime.

The murder was committed between 4.10 and 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon of Nov. 25. Lyons' shop was at 124 Cherry street. His mother had passed through to the apartments in the rear only a few minutes before. Bob was then standing behind the counter talking to two men.

Mrs. Lyons had hardly reached her room when her son came rushing in with the blood streaming from a gaping wound in his head, and cried to her to send for a doctor.

"Oh, Bob," screamed the mother, as she caught her son, who was about to fall to the floor, "who did it?"

Lyons managed to reply that it was Miss Sliney, and immediately afterwards dropped dead on the floor. His skull had been split open by a butcher's cleaver.

Lyons, who lives at 141 Cherry street, was arrested, and has been detained since the first, but he has denied the charge that he murdered his friend, and the Coroner's jury in its verdict found that Lyons came to his death at the hands of some person unknown to them.

This verdict and Sliney's strong denial did not, however, allay suspicion that he was really Lyons' murderer. He was not discharged from custody after the Coroner's investigation, but still remains a prisoner at the Tombs.

Inspector Byrnes has worked out his clues so well that he has finally obtained clear proof of Sliney's guilt, and the evidence which the inspector now has in his possession will fix the crime upon Sliney beyond any possibility of a doubt.

The absence of motive seemed to be the idea which led the Coroner's jury to reject the strong circumstantial evidence against Sliney.

The mysterious note found in Lyons' shop, which read:

Please send up by post right away. J. W. Jones. And played such a prominent part in the investigation, has been the main link in forging the chain of evidence against Sliney.

That he wrote the note in question, although he has denied all knowledge of its authorship, has been proved beyond a doubt.

The detectives have examined his desk and other belongings, and have found many specimens of his handwriting.

These correspond exactly with that of the note. In his desk was also found the bottle of red ink and the pen with which the note was written.

Moreover, the paper upon which it was written has been proved to be one of Sliney's business billheads, the top of which contained printed matter had been torn off.

Apparently there had been no effort on the part of Sliney to disguise his handwriting. If there had it was a very crude attempt.

Other evidence, it is said, has also been discovered which will go to establish Sliney's guilt when brought to trial.

PAN-AMERICAN ARBITRATION.

Brazil and Other Countries Want the Ratification Time Extended.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The Brazilian Minister has formally notified the Secretary of State of the desire of his Government for an extension of the time for the exchange of ratifications of the arbitration treaty formulated by the International American Conference.

This treaty has lapsed by reason of the failure to fully exchange ratifications within the specified limit of time.

Other South American countries have also expressed a desire for an extension of the period of ratification, and the proposition is warmly endorsed by this Government.

Clarksom Would Drop Prohibition.

DE MOINES, Ia., Dec. 19.—Chairman J. S. Clarksom, of the National Republican Committee, is ready to drop prohibition and is urging his friends in Iowa to free the party in this State from a load he thinks too heavy for it.

The great thing next year is the National campaign," said Mr. Clarksom, "and Iowa Republicans should not allow any local issue to be the cause of the State being lost to the National ticket."

Accused by His Employer.

Frederick Kremer, a salesman for A. Stern at 491 Fourth avenue, was held in the Tombs court to-day, charged with having stolen \$200 from his employer.

Mr. McIs Much Better.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Representative Miller's health is very much improved to-day and his complete recovery is looked for in a short time.

Two More Wins Brings Hushes.

BRADFORD, Pa., Dec. 19.—Two more wins brings Hushes.